

**MINUTES OF THE
AUBURN CITY PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING
June 17, 2014**

The regular session of the Auburn City Planning Commission was called to order on June 3, 2014, at 6:23 pm. by Chair Worthington in the Council Chambers, 1225 Lincoln Way, Auburn, California.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Spokely, Vitas, Willick & Worthington

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Luebke

STAFF PRESENT: Will Wong, Community Development Director
Reg Murray, Senior Planner
Lance E. Lowe, AICP, Associate Planner

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

June 3, 2014

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

IV. PUBLIC HEARING

- A. USE PERMIT – 138 ALMOND STREET (ELITE AUTO SPA) – FILE UP 14-02.** The applicant requests approval of a Use Permit to allow Elite Auto Spa, an auto detailing business located at 138 Almond Street, to conduct work outdoors and to allow the use of a 20' x 20' temporary tent structure in conjunction with the business.

Planner Murray presented the staff report, reviewing the history associated with the operation of Elite Auto Spa, the scope of the Use Permit request, and conditions of approval applied to the project covering drainage and use of the tent.

Commissioner Willick asked about the collection and storage of drainage from the car wash operation.

Planner Murray commented on the process and Public Work's approval of the drainage plan.

Commissioner Spokely asked about the location of the proposed tent.

Planner Murray identified the placement of the tent.

Dave Garza, owner of Elite Auto Spa, addressed the Commission and responded to questions. He noted that the collected water is taken off-site and is applied to landscape areas.

Chair Worthington asked about operating during rain events and how drainage would be affected.

Mr. Garza noted that the canopy would keep rain from the area being drained.

Planner Murray described how the runoff is collected.

Commissioner Willick asked about water quality from the runoff.

Mr. Garza described the requirements for water quality and options for handling drainage from his operation.

Commissioner Spokely asked how long the tent had been in place.

Mr. Garza noted that the tent has been in place for close to a year.

Commissioner Vitas **MOVED** to adopt Resolution No. 14-07 approving a Use Permit allowing work outdoors and the use of a 20' x 20' temporary tent structure in conjunction with the business.

Commissioner Willick **SECONDED** the motion.

AYES:	Spokely, Vitas, Willick, Worthington
NOES:	None
ABSTAIN:	Luebke
ABSENT:	None

The motion was **APPROVED**.

- B. USE PERMIT FOR OUTDOOR STORAGE – 701 GRASS VALLEY HIGHWAY (POOR MAN’S BRONZE) – FILE UP 14-03.** The applicant requests approval of a Use Permit to allow outdoor storage for Poor Man’s Bronze, a cast aluminum statue business, in the Regional Commercial (C-3) Zone located at 701 Grass Valley Highway.

Planner Lowe provided an overview of the Use Permit request for outdoor storage in the Regional Commercial (C-3) Zone.

Chair Worthington asked about the Use Permit requirement. The Use Permit is only for the outdoor storage only.

Planner Lowe noted that the use is a permitted use in the Regional Commercial Zone and the Use Permit is for outdoor storage solely.

Chair Worthington noted it was very beneficial to have all of the background information on Poor Man's Bronze.

Chair Worthington asked about the access and right of way.

Planner Lowe noted that the access exists and is not proposed to be altered.

Commissioner Spokely asked about the large shoulder along Highway 49. Commissioner Spokely noted that increased vehicle trips would likely be generated with the proposed use. Commissioner Spokely inquired whether Cal-Trans has been involved in the decision making process with the change in use.

Planner Lowe noted that Cal-Trans was not contacted considering that the proposed use is not a change in use. Planner Lowe noted that an array of commercial uses, which are permitted in the Neighborhood Commercial (C-1) and Central Business District (C-2) may be permitted with issuance of a business license for the property. If there was a change in use or if the buildings were going to be enlarged, Cal-Trans would have been notified.

Commissioner Spokely asked about parking on-site.

Planner Lowe noted that parking would be contained on-site as shown on the site plan. No parking is proposed along the shoulder of the property frontage.

Chair Worthington opened the public hearing.

Duane LaMoureux, owner of Poor Man's Bronze addressed the Planning Commission. Chair Worthington opened the public hearing.

Duane LaMoureux, owner of Poor Man's Bronze addressed the Planning Commission.

Commissioner Willick welcomed Mr. LaMoureux to Auburn.

Mr. LaMoureux noted that he has been looking to locate in Auburn for some time.

Mr. LaMoureux noted that his business is a great attraction for tourists. People love to come and view the sculptures.

Commissioner Spokely asked Mr. LaMoureux if he had plans to secure the site?

Mr. LaMoureux noted that if approved, he would like to install a fence at a future date.

Planner Lowe noted that fencing was not part of the application and that if the Commission desired, staff could review a fence at a later date.

Chair Worthington agreed that staff could approve a fence at a later date, should the applicant desire a fence.

Mr. Paul Ferria property owner of 701 Grass Valley Highway addressed the Commission.

Mr. Ferria noted that the site has historically been used as a car dealership and Cal Trans has precluded parking along the highway shoulder.

Mr. Ferria noted that the site is located between two controlled intersections so ingress and egress is not a problem.

Commissioner Willick **MOVED** to Adopt Resolution No. 14-08 (**Exhibit A**) to approve the Use Permit to allow outdoor storage as presented with the added condition that if the applicant installs a fence at a later date, staff can administratively approve the fence.

Commissioner Spokely **SECONDED** the motion.

AYES:	Spokely, Vitas, Willick & Worthington
NOES:	None
ABSTAIN:	None
ABSENT:	Luebke

The motion was **APPROVED**.

V. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT FOLLOW-UP REPORTS

- A.** City Council Meetings
- B.** Future Planning Commission Meeting

Director Wong noted that the Planning Commission will have a meeting on July 1, 2014.

- C.** Reports

VI. PLANNING COMMISSION REPORTS

The purpose of these reports is to provide a forum for Planning Commissioners to bring forth their own ideas to the Commission. No decisions are to be made on these issues. If a Commissioner would like formal action on any of these discussed items, it will be placed on a future Commission agenda.

VII. FUTURE PLANNING COMMISSION AGENDA ITEMS

Planning Commissioners will discuss and agree on items and/or projects to be placed on future Commission agendas for the purpose of updating the Commission on the progress of items and/or projects.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Reg Murray, Senior Planner
Senior Planner

Lance E. Lowe, AICP
Associate Planner